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in the most compact form, the very subject matter of the text. It is a matter of surprise that legal authors should so often neglect this admirable method of exhibiting the result of their labors. To present a proper notice of the labors of Mr. Wharton in this revised edition, would require more space than we can command, but perhaps the mere announcement of a new edition will suffice.

DIGEST OF THE MARYLAND REPORTS, comprising Gills' Reports, nine vols; Maryland Reports, eight vols; Maryland Chancery Decisions, four vols. By J. SCHAFF STOCKETT, RICHARD T. MERRICK, and OLIVER MILLER, Attorneys at Law. Baltimore: Cushing & Bailey. 1857. pp. 632.

The absolute necessity of a Digest to unfold the contents of the State Reports, cannot be doubted. The labor to make one is perhaps the most disagreeable and least satisfactory professional literary work that can be engaged in. Accuracy and succinctness are indispensable requisites—absolute necessities. We cannot, of course, pretend to have examined this Digest with any great degree of thoroughness, but we have studied sufficiently, certain titles, to be able to express a highly favorable opinion of the toilsome labors of the learned editors, whose work is now presented to the profession.

The table of cases confirmed, or overruled, which is prefixed, is a most excellent and admirable addition to any Digest. The knowledge of what courts have said about cases is a kind of learning which is most useful to professional men. This table is not alphabetical, which detracts somewhat from the ease and convenience of reference; but, perhaps, could not be made so without a much larger consumption of space in the book than would have been justified. Some of the titles certainly deserve much commendation: thus, "Evidence" is very full and well executed; so the title "Equity;" "Statutes," is a most useful title; "Wills and Devises," is also very well prepared, and no doubt others which we have not examined. The learned authors deserve the thanks of their brethren for their useful labors.